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National League Takes Radical Action in Cutting Its Salaries

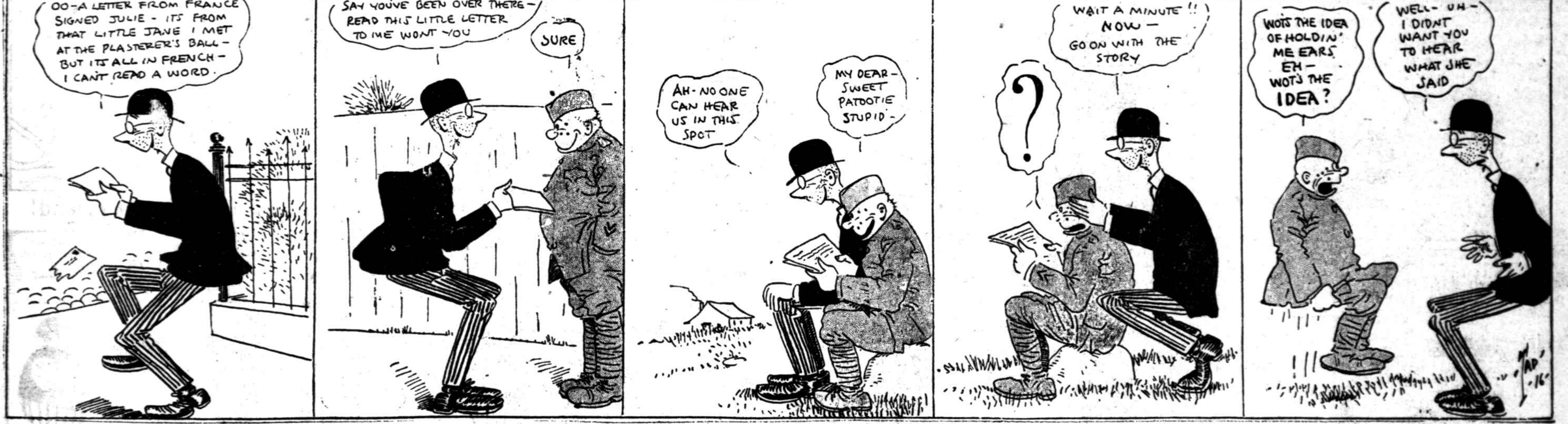
# The Times' Complete Sport Page

Hilltoppers Are Not Averse If Charlottesville Men Ask Here

## Stupid—He's Gotta Head Like a Tack

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By TAD



## AMERICAN LEAGUE MAY BREAK AWAY FROM RIVAL, PRECIPITATING SCRAP

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The entire baseball world today stands on the brink of the precipice. It may slide down into the abyss within twenty-four hours. In their anxiety to retrench, the magnates have adopted the most radical measures regarding salaries and they find all major league players on the opposite side of the fence. To make matters even more serious, the minor leagues of the country threaten to break away from organized baseball unless their demands are granted.

The minor leagues have issued an ultimatum to the majors, telling them to take it or leave it by 6 o'clock tomorrow night. The minors oppose the draft and the optional agreement and demand that players found wanting by the big fellows be turned back to their clubs for \$2,500.

The minors offer as a suggestion that the National Commission be composed of the president of the two major leagues, the head of the National Association of Minor Leagues and two disinterested persons. This, however, is not a demand, merely a suggestion.

The National League opposes the candidacy of Garry Herrmann for the chairmanship of the National Commission, and Ban Johnson, according to reports from New York today, is wavering in his support of the Cincinnati magnate. Johnson will insist upon a three-man commission, however, but may be convinced that a neutral chairman be named for the good of baseball.

That the big leagues meant to slash expenses all along the line has been known for many weeks, but the action of the National League in adopting a monthly club salary limit of \$11,000 is most radical. Away will go the dreams of high salaries. An Alexander, an Eddie Collins or a Walter Johnson will receive the bulk of his club's money every month. The other players will be the fringe necessary to support the star. If the American League follows suit today at its meeting the biggest strike in the history of baseball is expected.

With a playing season of five and a half months, a major league club will be allowed to pay out only about \$60,000 in salaries. Ty Cobb is fighting now to retain his \$20,000 salary, which would be one-third of the total going to the Tigers for the year. Walter Johnson is fighting to retain \$12,000, or one-fifth of the Washington club's total under the rule adopted by the National League and which may be adopted today by the Johnsonian organization.

**May Break Agreement.**

The American League, by refusing to follow the example of the National League in regard to a monthly salary limit, may break away from its rival organization, smash the so-called national agreement and precipitate a baseball war which will put to shame that which ushered in the younger major league back in 1901 and 1902.

If the majors hold together, they can easily defeat the minors. Without the big fellows the little fellows cannot exist. Players will go where the money is offered and the minors will have no possible means of holding their players, tempted by major league offers. But if the majors decide to break their present harmonious arrangement of doing business, and the minors continue to show fight, either there will be no organized professional baseball, or the sky will be the limit and a battle to the death will be in order, those with the least money dropping by the wayside.

**Opposes Salary Limit.**

The American League, it is understood, opposes placing a limit on salaries. It was the American League which by making itself a major organization broke the old limit of \$2,400 for National League players back in 1902. When peace was declared between the warring organizations, all limits were abolished. Since then only minor leagues have had salary limits.

If the American League today votes against a salary limit, the National League may reconsider its action taken yesterday and get into the swim while the getting is good. Otherwise it will face desertion by the bulk of its players, who will be dissatisfied to play for meager salaries that a few selected stars may draw down fancy stipends.

**Prices Will Stay Same.**

The magnates have decided not to retrench expenses for the 1919 season. Ticket prices in force last year will remain for 1919, with the same methods followed for the collection of war taxes.

The American League will today be asked to restrict its training season

## STREET SUFFERING FROM GAS ATTACK

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 16.—"Gabby" Street, of this city, for many years the mainstay of the Washington baseball club behind the bat, is now in the army hospital at Camp Dix, the victim of a severe case of gassing received while serving in Uncle Sam's army in France.

He has been invalided home for treatment. Street enlisted in the gas and flame division of the army, submitting to an operation without which the recruiting officer said he could not accept him.

He served his time at preliminary training and was then sent to France, where he served until gassed during the fighting in the Argonne forest, October 14. Street had been entirely lost sight of until Monday, when a letter was received from him by Tom Gray, under whom he worked in the old Williamsport Tri-State club before going into the big show.

## TWO AND THREE WITH "BUGS" BAER

Seems that us pedestrians have enough to dodge without Hank Ford throwing a new paper at us.

We ain't saying a thing about the latest pink and green heels on ladies' shoes. The Kaiser said that after this war he would stand for no nonsense from America.

THE VENTILATION EXPERT WHO HAS INVENTED A NEW ODORLESS BUTCHER SHOP IS EVEN TRYING TO CHEAT US OUT OF A SMELL.

A good slugging outfielder can get a job with the Phils. Doesn't make any difference if you voted for Bryan or wear a purple derby, provided that you can smack the berry on the seam.—Advt.

Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau are beginning to hope that the only way to get the snufflers on Dave Fultz is to give the International a delegate at Versailles.

Baseball magnates have a tough career.

Any minute in the day they are liable to be beamed by a wild champagne cork or break on ankle sliding into the dining room. They are forced to ride to the park in a hand-engineered limousine and train in skintights like the Scudellor, Bulmore, and Plazaza.

The rich brocades and priceless gowns on the centerfield fences make it very difficult for the batter to seat a croakier. The groundkeeper is always rolling the bones with the elevator boys, with the result that the Persian rugs make the luspiest kind of an outfield. It is very tough to judge a fly ball against a richly gold leaf decorated ceiling, and many a poor magnate has had a sure home run spoiled by a interfering million dollar electrolite.

Baseball magnates sure have a corrugated time. A player gets his winters off, but a magnate is forced to dance a doubleheader at Jazzenweber's, rain or shine.

Only one more State required to make golf dry.

Ambassador Fultz claims that the Monroe doctrine protects Cuba, South America and Iceland from the depredations of stronger powers, but that Mr. Monroe overlooked the minor leagues entirely.

**BROWNIES MAY LAND ROTH; FIVE CLUBS AFTER HIM**

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Today it looks as if the St. Louis Browns would obtain Bobby Roth, the Cleveland outfielder, is a straight trade. However, no St. Louis players have yet been named, though they are thought to be pitchers.

Henry Griesedick, halfback, has been elected captain of the Pikers for next season.

**GONZAGA WINS IT.**

Gonzaga Midgets defeated the Eastern High School Midgets by a score of 11 to 6. Ford was the best player for the winners, who started off with a lead and maintained it throughout the game.

**OPERATORS LOSE.**

Naval Operations went over to the Aloyus Club gymnasium for a 35-to-15 licking. The clubmen played rings around the Naval Operators.

**HUMPHREYS PLAYS.**

Naval Operations will play Camp Humphreys in the Service League battle at Mt. Vernon Hall tomorrow night.

**VIRGINIANS VISIT.**

Randolph-Macon will play Georgetown University basketball tomorrow night at Ryan gymnasium. The Hilltoppers are going in first class shape.

## BUSINESS KEEPS RIGHT ON WITH WINNING LEAD

Can Business High School be stopped? The Stenographers got into a winning stride recently. Tech was bounced out of a tie for first place in the High School League on Tuesday, and yesterday the Stenographers went up against the Georgetown Preps for a 14-to-13 win.

The Preps led by 5-to-4 in the ending of half time. Business was never far in the lead in the second half, but managed to pull in ahead. Colburn pulled the game out of the fire for Business.

## TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Bill Hollenback, captain of the Penn football team, joined the track squad as a weight thrower. Hollenback was being groomed to take Bob Folwell's place by Mike Murphy.

Hall Chase, who jumped the New York Americans, wants the National Commission to name the terms upon which he can again play baseball.

Dick Grant, the old Harvard distance runner, took up his duties as coach of the University of Minnesota track team.

The granting of the amateur golf tournament to the West by no means ended the row picked up by representatives at the U. S. G. A. meeting.

Harry Kid Saeger, after trailing Kid Sullivan for more than a year, was matched to meet the Washington scrapper in Baltimore.

## Penny Ante

THE FELLOW WHO PHONES HOME.

By Jean Knott



## WESTERN'S BASKETERS HAVE ONE BIG SESSION

Western High School basketballs had a big day on the floor in five games yesterday. The first team handed the St. Albans lads a 33-to-26 beating, coming through from the start of the second half with the score 19 to 11 against them.

Western's Reserves defeated the Business Reserves on the Western floor by a 25-to-10 count. Out at St. Albans another Western quint, the Freshmen, suffered a 14-to-12 defeat at the hands of the St. Albans Reserves.

Eastern's Sophs defeated the Western High Sophs by a 12-to-10 score in a hotly contested game, while the Western Midgets got in a 7-to-5 victory over the John Eaton School lads.

## SEEKS VANDERBILT TEAM FOR CONTEST NEXT YEAR

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 16.—Washington University is seeking to arrange a football game for October 25 with Vanderbilt University, of Nashville, Tenn., generally ranking among the strongest teams of the South. This is the only open date now on the Pikers' schedule.

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## SPORTS CUT SHORT

DETROIT, Jan. 16.—Miss America, G. A. Wood's successor to Miss Detroit III, will be entered for the Harmsworth trophy. The new craft will be equipped with a Liberty motor.

## ST. JOHN'S PAID BACK BY GALLAUDET PLAYERS

St. John's College returns to Annapolis today paid in full by the Gallaudet lads. At Annapolis St. John's was ahead of Gallaudet after extra time had been played. The Annapolis men came over here yesterday, and were sent back with a 67 to 24 defeat to show for their trouble being paid back in full.

Downs, of Gallaudet, established a season's record from the floor, totaling nineteen baskets. Gallaudet players kept St. John's men covered closely.

## HOT BATTLE STAGED ON SERVICE LEAGUE FLOOR

Fort Myer and the Navy Yard staged a bang-up contest in the service league contest at Mt. Vernon Hall. The Virginia soldiers emerged with a 19 to 13 victory, but the contest was in doubt right up to the final whistle.

The Virginians led by 7 to 6 at the close of the first half. Johnson and Neal, of Fort Myer, pulled the game for the soldiers on basket shooting.

## CENTRAL GETS BUSY.

Central got busy and took on the Y. M. C. A. youngsters yesterday for a 30-to-10 victory. The passing of the Central team was an improvement on the performance against Eastern. The "Y" lads were stopped effectively by the Central guards.

## FRESHMEN WIN GAME.

Central's Freshmen defeated the Juniors by a score of 7 to 4. J. Childress proved to be the "ace" for the Freshmen as he got all their points.

## TECH PLAYS POLY.

Tech is down for an engagement with Baltimore Polytechnic Institute at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon.

## CENTRAL GETS ONE.

Central gets another game for the week, and will play the Shenandoah Valley Academy team tomorrow in the Central gymnasium. The Central Freshmen and Tech Freshmen will meet in a preliminary battle.

## GEORGETOWN IS WILLING TO FACE VIRGINIA AGAIN

Georgetown University is willing to renew athletic relations with the University of Virginia in all branches of sports, the Hilltoppers the Charlottesville men will find Georgetown ready to begin negotiations for baseball, basketball, track, and tennis. This is the statement of Charles R. Cox, graduate manager of Georgetown athletics, today.

In response to the question, "Would Georgetown be willing to meet Virginia in football again?" Cox stated that "if Virginia asked to resume relations Georgetown would be willing to play in every branch of sports."

"If a meeting between Georgetown and Virginia men is solicited, Virginia will find us ready to take up the propositions. A meeting between the presidents of the colleges, the graduate managers or representatives of the colleges could be arranged," says Cox.

"We would be willing to play Virginia in football here one year and at Charlottesville the next. Games would be arranged in all other sports as well. There is no question but that a Virginia-Georgetown game would be an attraction both for Georgetown here and for Virginia students at Charlottesville," says Cox.

**Always Feature Here.**

The annual Virginia-Georgetown football battles were always a feature here and drew out a packed stand at every meeting. Since the Georgetown-Virginia contests were discontinued several years ago Washington has had no feature football game.

Now that war conditions have materially changed conditions in all colleges Georgetown and Virginia might come together for an understanding which would pave the way for a real South Atlantic collegiate league.

That both universities are unquestionably the strongest in this section of the country goes without saying. For many years Georgetown and Virginia met in all branches of sports. An unfortunate break in relations found both Georgetown and Virginia seeking recognition in other fields.

**Split Both Ways.**

Georgetown retained games with colleges in the North as usual and succeeded in scheduling football, baseball, and basketball contests. The

team pursued its usual policy of playing Holy Cross, Fordham, Harvard, Yale, Lehigh, Penn State, the Army and Navy, and Dartmouth, but the real objective, the Virginia game, was lacking.

Virginia went North for a while for a big game or two, but sought access to the Southern collegiate standing for its titles. North Carolina, Vanderbilt, and other leading Southern institutions failed to provide the big objective game, the Georgetown contest, of other years.

The institutions drifted apart until they were widely diverged. The reconstruction of athletics in all colleges now may mean that Virginia and Georgetown can be gotten together for all sports.

**Differences Are Few.**

The differences separating the institutions are few. While no attempt has been made to offer the merits of the case in the past, those interested in the athletic side of a Virginia-Georgetown meeting are sure both institutions would benefit by the resumption of athletic relations.

It is pointed out that if Georgetown and Virginia played again, Washington and Lee might resume relations with both colleges and a real South Atlantic Association might be on a playing basis.

Efforts have been made in the past to get a South Atlantic Collegiate Association in operation in other sports besides track. Washington and Lee, Georgetown, and Virginia all compete in the annual field and track games but in no other sport.

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